GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:92
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2006
PROMOTION OF RURAL TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Union Government to promote rural tourism;

(b) the details of proposals received and sanctioned by the Union Government to promote rural tourism in various parts of the country during the last one year;

(c) whether the Union Government plans an exchange programme for foreign youths to understand and promote the rural life of India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a),(b),(c) & (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b), (c), & (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.92 ANSWERED ON 23.02.2006 REGARDING PROMOTION OF RURAL TOURISM.

(a): The creation of infrastructure in Rural areas having potential for tourism is being supported under the existing scheme of Destination Development, while community participation and capacity building, including skill up-gradation in such rural areas, are being supported through GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project. The objective is to showcase rural life, art, culture and heritage at rural locations and in villages, which have core competency in terms of crafts/handloom/textiles/culture etc.

(b): The funds under the scheme are sanctioned and released to the Collector of the area based on the proposals received from the State/UT Governments for infrastructure development at rural sites. Financial assistance released during the last one year for infrastructure creation is enclosed at Annexure-I and central assistance extended for capacity building etc. under UNDP project is enclosed at Annexure − II.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Tourism has initiated preliminary steps for the Gurukul process whereby the overseas visitors could stay in the village and learn the local art, craft or dance forms through identified master trainers belonging to the site.

ANNEXURE − I

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.92 ANSWERED ON 23.02.2006 REGARDING PROMOTION OF RURAL TOURISM.

STATEWISE TOURISM PROJECTS SANCTIONED DURING THE LAST ONE YEAR UNDER RURAL TOURISM (INFRASTRUCTRE DEVELOPMENT) SCHEME OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM ARE AS FOLLOWS

(In lakh Rs.)

STATE	Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Year Sanc-tion	Amo-unt Sanc-tioned	Amo-unt Rele-ased
1. Andhra Pradesh	1	Development of Puttaparthi, Ananthpur Distt.	2004-05	49.50	39.60
	2	Development of Chinchinada, East Godavari Distt.	2004-05	50.00	40.00
	3	Development of Srikalahasti, Chittor Distt.s	2004-05	50.00	40.00
2. Arunachal Pradesh	4	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Rengo, East Siang.	Distt. 2005-06	49.62	39.69

3. Assam	5	Dehing-Patakai Kshetra, Distt. Tinsukia	2004-05	44.33	35.46
	6	Rural Tourism at Sualkuchi in Kamrup Distt.	2004-05	50.00	40.00
	7	Rural Tourism Project at village Asharikandi, Distt. Dhubri	2005-06	48.97	39.17
4. Chhattisgarh	8	Development of Kondagaon, Distt. Bastar	2005-06	50.00	40.00
5. Jammu & Kashmir	9	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Drung, Distt. Baramula	2005-06	50.00	40.00
	10	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Surinsar, Distt. Jammu	2005-06	50.00	40.00
	11	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Gagangir, Distt. Srinagar	2005-06	50.00	40.00
	12	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Pahalgam, Distt. Anantnag	2005-06	50.00	40.00
	13	Development of Rural Tourism at village Jheri, Distt. Jammu	2005-06	50.00	40.00
6. Kerala	14	Development of village Balrampur in Thiruvananthapuram Distt.	2004-05	50.00	40.00
7. Madhya Pradesh	15	Rural Tourism Project at Orchha, Distt. Tikamgarh	2005-06	50.00	40.00
8. Orissa	16	Development of village Pipli in Puri Distt.	2004-05	50.00	40.00
	17	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Khiching, Distt. Mayurbhanj	2005-06	50.00	40.00
9. Sikkim	18	Development of village Lachen in North Distt.	2004-05	50.00	40.00
10. Tamil Nadu	19	Development of Devipattinam Navbhashnam in Ramnathpuram Distt.	2005-06	50.00	40.00
	20	Thirukurungudi, Distt. Tirunelveli	2005-06	50.00	40.00
	21	Thiruppudaimaurthur, Distt. Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu	2005-06	49.55	39.64
11. Uttaranchal	22	Rural tourism project in Agora Village (Dodital) Uttar Kashi Distt.	2005-06	48.50	38.80
	23	Development of Hub Village at Mottad and its satellite station	2005-06	48.05	38.44
	24	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Chekhoni Bora, Distt. Champawat.	2005-06	44.20	35.28
	25	Development of Rural Tourism at village Koti, Indroli	2005-06	47.10	37.68
	26	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Mana, Distt. Chamoli	2005-06	50.00	40.00
	27	Development of Rural Tourism (Eco-Tourism) in Devriyatal at Village Sari, Distt.Rudraprayag	2005-06	45.14	36.00
12. Uttar Pradesh	28	Development of Rural Tourism at Bhitar Gram, Distt. Rae Bareli.	2005-06	49.52	39.62
	29	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Mukhrai, Distt. Mathura	2005-06	45.89	36.00
13. West Bengal	30	Development of village Sonada, Distt. Darjeeling	2004-05	50.00	40.00
TOTAL				1470.37	1175.38

ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.92 ANSWERED ON 23.02.2006 REGARDING PROMOTION OF RURAL TOURISM

STATEWISE TOURISM PROJECTS SANCTIONED DURING THE LAST ONE YEAR UNDER GOI-UNDP ENDOGENEOUS TOURISM PROJECT (CAPACITY BUILDING) SCHEME OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM ARE AS FOLLOWS

(Rs. in lakh)

STATE		Name of the Project	Name of Distt.	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1. Andhra Pradesh	1	Pochampalli	Nalgonda	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	2	Srikalahasti	Chittoor	2004-05	20.00	16.00
2. Assam	3	Durgapur, Golaghat		2004-05	20.00	16.00
	4	Sualkuchi	Kamrup	2004-05	19.95	15.96
3. Bihar	5	Nepura	Nalanda	2004-05	20.00	16.00
4. Chhattisgarh	6	Chitrakote,	Bastar	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	7	Nagarnar,	Bastar	2004-05	20.00	16.00
5. Gujarat	8	Hodka	Kachchh	2004-05	20.00	16.00
6. Haryana	9	Jyotisar,	Kurukshetra	2004-05	20.00	16.00
7. Himachal Pradesh	10	Naggar,	Kullu	2004-05	20.00	16.00
8. Karnataka	11	Banavasi	Sivaganga	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	12	Anegundi	Koppal	2005-06	20.00	16.00
9. Kerala	13	Kumbalangi	Ernakulam	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	14	Arnamula,	Pathanamthitta	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	15	Kalady (Spice Circuit)	Ernakulam	2005-06	10.00	08.00
	16	Anakkara (Spice Circuit)	Idukki	2005-06	10.00	08.00
10. Madhya Pradesh	17	Pranpur	Ashok Nagar	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	18	Chaugan,	Mandla	2004-05	20.00	16.00

11. Maharashtra	19	Sulibhanjan-Khultabad	Aurangabad	2004-05	20.00	16.00
12. Orissa	20	Raghurajpur, Puri		2004-05	20.00	17.60
	21	Pipli	Puri	2004-05	20.00	16.00
13. Punjab	22	Rajasansi	Amritsar	2004-05	20.00	16.00
14. Rajasthan	23	Neemrana,	Alwar	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	24	Samode	Jaipur	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	25	Haldighati	Rajsamand	2004-05	19.32	15.45
15. Sikkim	26	Lachen	North Distt.	2004-05	20.00	16.00
16. Tamil Nadu	27	Kazhugumalai	Thoothukudi	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	28	Karaikudi,	Sivaganga	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	29	Kombai (Spice Circuit)	Theni	2005-06	10.00	08.00
	30	Thadiyankudisai (Spice Circuit)	Dindigul	2005-06	10.00	08.00
17. Tripura	31	Kamlasagar,	West Tripura	2004-05	20.00	16.00
18. Uttaranchal	32	Jageshwar,	Almora	2005-06	20.00	16.00
	33	Mana	Chamoli	2004-05	20.00	16.00
19. Uttar Pradesh	34	Bhaguwala	Saharanpur	2004-05	19.75	15.50
20. West Bengal	35	Ballabhpur Danga,	Birbhum	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	36	Mukutmonipur	Bankura	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	Total				679.02	544.51